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'TERROR OF COUNTRYSIDE'

Dave Wills' "Cubs" Will Have Nothing on This Year's Varsity—Schedule Submitted—Gossip Galore.

Only a year ago "Dave" Wills organized the immortal "Cubs" and at that time predicted a successful season, both for the Varsity and the "terror of the countryside." The weather of the past few days has been a constant reminder of that season, soon to come, when the youn man's thoughts turn to Utica Park and to home runs with bases full and bleachers occupied by frantic, howling fans. There sure is no sensation like it. Pre-season predictions are at best uncertain. However, Manager Pratt, '12, has completed his schedule—one of the best in the history of Hamilton baseball beyond question—and has a general line on men and conditions.

The team will leave on the Southern trip, the week of April 24th. Last year the venture was an experiment and an innovation. Now, backed by the Alumni and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the finances are in good shape. Benefiting by the mistakes of a year ago, the team should better be able to do justice to the schedule. All games have been definitely signed with the exception of the one on April 24, which is pending because of some misunderstanding, but which is practically secured.

Monday, April 24, Delaware College at Newark, Delaware.

April 25, Mt. Saint Joseph College, at Baltimore, Md.

April 26, Eastern, at Manassas, Va.

April 27 and 28, Washington and Lee, at Lexington, Va.

April 29, Trinity College, at Durham, N. C.

The Spring schedule includes ten games, one played during the Western trip, with Syracuse, whose guarantee will be a material aid.

May 3, St. Lawrence, at Clinton.

May 4, Hobart, at Clinton.

May 12, Union, at Clinton. (Interscholastic Week.)

May 15, Syracuse, at Syracuse.

May 16, Rochester, at Rochester.

May 17, Hobart, at Geneva.

May 26, Rochester, at Clinton.

May 30, Union, at Schenectady.

June 5, Colgate, at Hamilton.

June 10, Colgate, at Clinton.

There is plenty of good last year's material in College, which, with that available in the Freshman Class, should make a formidable squad. Prospective candidates include:

Catchers: Callahan, Gould, Stone, '13.

Pitchers: Allen, Manion, '11, Bagg, Thomas, D. Root, Donaldson, '12, Fear, Porter, '13, Ogden, Lyon, '14.

First Base: Mitchell, Gould, '11, Woods, '13, Abernathy, '14.

Second Base: Knox, '12, Roberts, '13.

Third Base: Allen, '11, Royce, '14.

Short: Hallock, '12, Batchelor, '13.

Outfield: Getman, Sidle, Marhaver, '11, C. Root, Walker, Regin, Watkins, '12, Kultchar, Hahn, Wheelock, '13, McMillan, Booth, Jessup, Erhardt, '14.

There will be no coach or training table; much the same plan will be followed as that of last year. Battery practice is being held daily in the Gym. and outdoor work will start as soon as climatic conditions warrant it advisable. The locker will be thoroly restocked with new bats, bases, and necessary material. New uniforms are deemed unnecessary in view of the fact that the scrub practice suits are in good condition and that the regular Varsity suits were bought only last season.

—H. M. Schwartz,'07, has been elected by the Board of Education to the position of Superintendent of Schools at Ilion. Since graduating from College Schwartz has taught one year in Little Falls schools and has served two years as principal of the Norwich High School. He is now connected with the Utica Schools. He will enter upon his new duties within the next few weeks.

'YOU'RE AN IGNORANT LOT'

So Dr. Stryker Concludes, Having Questioned the College on the Extent of its Reading—Dr. Wood's Minority Report.

Dr. Stryker's post chapel vaudeville question box has sent the College body scurrying to the inmost recesses of the Library, there to pour over countless tomes of musty lore. Why, even Johnny Manning has neglected Carnegie, denying himself the pleasure of tracing the furnace's lineage, and silent, pensive he sits for hours in Old Litchfield, alone save for some volume of Thackeray or a fragmented Cursive or Uncial. John Van Alstyne Weaver is reading, too, and Pinkerton mourns the loss of an adept. There are scores of 'em, all reading and absorbing. It's in the air. We feel it intuitively like the first breath of Spring, which will blame predatory literature for the rape of young men's proverbial trend in fancy. But it can't be helped. This ignorance must cease. Culture, education, the fine arts, Freshman mathematics, all demand that to possess them, we must have at least perused that prosaic passage which succinctly states that the sons of Cush were undoubtedly Seba, Havilah, Sabta, and then some.

Dr. Wood still reclines in indolent case upon a mind of contentment, all unperturbed save when absorbed in trying to discover what ephemeral vagary lead him to a cursory study of Ham's family tree. From his conversation with a Life reporter, we quote: "I can't understand whatever lead me to do it unless boyish impetuosity or perhaps visions of sugar plums as a reward. No, sir, emphatically no, I would advise as a substitute the American Commonwealth."

From which it can be easily deduced that we hesitate which way to turn. At a mass meeting held Saturday evening a committee of two eminent local authorities were appointed to investigate the perplexing problem, wait on both authorities for enlightenment and to report at once.

THE HAMILTONIAN.

Work on the Hamiltonian is progressing. The editor has long since discovered the truth of that ancient, timeworn but inevitable saying, "that a page of copy in the hand is worth seven promised ones." Moreover, he would say that his office has not been over crowded with Seniors anxious to hand in honor lists. This may speak well for the modesty of these worthy gentlemen, but it is hard on the editor. Despite all these attempts to swamp him with a deluge of "material" he has been seen to smile on occasions over this same book. It is at such moments that he says that matters are progressing well and that the novelties which are to grace the book are developing in fine fashion, that the literary end is to contain some most startling bits of literature, and that the more staid and solemn part is to be garnished as never before. Has anybody any copy? For the sake of the Hamiltonian, hand it in!

NOTICE.

Thursday evening, March 16th, is the date set for Dr. Huber's lecture. He will speak in Science Hall in the afternoon and in the Chapel in the evening. The lecture will be illustrated with stereopticon views.

FRESHMEN LOSE TO SENECAS.

The Freshman Basket-ball Team was defeated by the Senecas of Utica in the Utica Armory last Friday evening by a score of 20 to 17. The Freshmen led until the last five minutes of play, when, weakened by Calder's retirement, they were unable to hold down the Utica team.

The line-up:

SENECAS.		FRESHMEN.
	Left Guard.	
Harrison.		Eddy.
	Right Guard.	
Johnson.		Flagg.
	Center.	
Metter.		Calder, Erhardt.
	Left Forward.	
Montgomery.		Royce.
	Right Forward.	
Nelson.		Erhardt, Regin.

Baskets from the field: Nelson 1, Metter 4, Harrison 1, Montgomery 3, Erhardt 4, Royce 2, Calder 1, Flagg 1; goals from fouls: Metter 2, Calder 1. Time of halves 15 minutes. Time-

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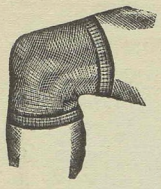

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EDITORIAL.

To be perfectly frank about the matter, we must admit that, altho we do not shout wildly for joy, we are not overcome with sorrow when we consider that this issue of Life marks the retirement of the Senior members from the Editorial Board. Only thru the mistakes we have made during the past year has our experience taught us what a weekly college paper could and ought to be. From the first we have had at heart the welfare of the College and, in our little way, we have attempted at every point to further its interests. If, in our attempts to introduce occasional matter of a lighter vein, we have offended, we can only assure those who are inclined to be piqued that the articles were written in good spirit and without "malicious intent."

We wish the new Board the best of success. May there be tolerance for its mistakes, and praise for its successes and, last of all, may it better the achievements and never repeat the failures of the retiring Board.

On several occasions during the past week various members of the Senior Executive Committee have met informally to discuss plans and arrangements for the Commencement Week program. On Wednesday evening a group of Seniors chanced to gather at one of the fraternity houses and the conversation drifted from a consideration of those particular duties which devolve upon the Senior Class at Commencement time, to a more general discussion of the whole subject of Hamilton Commencements. It was the opinion of these men that the present Commencement program was not, in every way, well adapted to the conditions as they now exist, and in order that the discussion might not degenerate into a mere "knocking bee," and that the criticism might be constructive, a plan was evolved whereby our present program might be modified and thus made, perhaps, more successful. The idea was not entirely original, but followed closely the lines of a suggestion made by a member of the Board of Trustees of the College.

The plan apparently has so many points in its favor that we venture to submit it for the consideration both of Undergraduates and Alumni, and we especially request any Alumnus for a statement of his opinion, either in favor of, or in opposition to the plan as outlined in this editorial.

In the first place, and to a large extent, the success of Commencement depends upon the number of men who come back, and it is, therefore, important that the exercises be so arranged as to appeal to the greatest possible number of our busy Alumni. According to our present arrangement the Commencement exercises extend over five days, beginning with the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday. Class and Campus Day come on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday is Alumni Day, and Commencement, with Alumni Dinner at the Commons, is held on Thursday.

Not counting Sunday the present program involves for the average Alumnus an absence from business of four days in the middle of the week. Most of our Alumni are not able to afford this time and in consequence the majority decide upon one or two days. They may prefer to be on the Hill Sunday for the Baccalaureate Sermon, but neither Campus nor Class Day appeals to them unless they happen to be interested in some member of the graduating class, and not being able to stay over for Alumni Day and Commencement, they leave for home on Monday or Tuesday. Another group may prefer to be here for Alumni Day and Commencement, in which case they miss Baccalaureate Sunday which, of course, appeals to all Hamilton men. At any event, unless a man is able to spend the whole week on the Hill he will miss at least one very desirable feature of the Commencement exercises.

According to our proposed scheme we would make Commencement a "week end" affair lasting three days instead of five, and necessitating an absence from business of one day instead if four. Campus and Class Days would be on Thursday and Friday, attended by fathers, mothers, sisters, and those more closely interested in the activities of the class, and these preliminary exercises would be out of the way by Saturday which would be Alumni Day. The following day would be Baccalaureate Sunday and all the Alumni would be on hand to hear a real sermon and to pack the College Chapel. The day would afford also further opportunity for reunions, reminiscences, and visiting, which makes Alumni Day so delightful. For the Seniors it would be a day of rest before Commencement which would be on Monday with Senior Ball in the evening.

By this arrangement the three most desirable days for an Alumnus—Alumni Day, Baccalaureate Sunday and Commencement—would follow consecutively and come at a most convenient time of the week. Saturday is nowadays generally considered as a half-holiday and Sunday, being a holiday, Monday is the only business day that would be sacrificed. The Alumni would arrive on the Hill Friday night and Saturday morning and could leave for home on Monday afternoon, having been here for those things in which they are most interested, and having lost the least possible amount of time. The plan does not necessarily involve the omission of any of the exercises we now have, but merely, by a rearrangement, to make it possible for more of our men to get back to the Hill at the same time. Those who are able would, of course, come early and spend the whole week and be on hand for the fun of Campus and Class Days. This

proposed program might not make it possible for more men to come back but it would make it possible for more men to come back at the same time and for the same three days.

This is the substance of the plan and we hope that the Alumni who chance to read this editorial will give some thought to the proposal which we have attempted to explain and we assure you space in these columns for the expression of your personal opinion on the plan as outlined.

DRUMMOND, '12, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

At a meeting of the Life Board held at the Psi Upsilon House on Friday evening, R. W. Drummond, '12, of Auburn was elected Editor-in-Chief for the ensuing year to succeed R. B. Mitchell, '11, whose term of office expired. Drummond was elected to the Board during his Freshman year and for the past year has served as Local Editor. Together with marked literary ability, his knowledge of athletics and his familiarity with the general affairs of the College make him most competent for the year's work which is before him.

The position of local editor will be filled by Don E. Stone, '13. On the basis of work done in the Freshman Competition, N. J. Marsh, Jr., and H. S. Booth, '14, were elected to the Board and will be assigned reportorial work.

DR. SAUNDERS' MUSICALE.

Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Saunders again delightfully entertained the College at a musicale on Saturday evening. This is the third of the series of musicales held at Dr. Saunders' home by the string quartet composed of Dr. A. P. Saunders, his brother, Professor Frederick Saunders, and Professor Mahr of Syracuse University, and Heidner, '13. The musical treat of the evening was a quartet from Mozart, one from Bethoven, and the Andante, Cantabile, and Sarzo of a quartet from Tscharkowsky. Dr. Saunders rendered the first violin parts and Heidner, '13, the second, while Prof. Frederick Saunders played the cello and Prof. Mahr the viola.

Light refreshments and a social gathering followed the music. Among the guests were: Mrs. Stryker, Mrs. Rudd, Mrs. Shepard, Miss Betty Stryker, and Miss Chambers, and Rogers, '87, Dr. Wood, Dr. Shepard and Dr. Shearer.

THE CHESS CLUB.

At a meeting of the Chee Club held last Wednesday noon, it was decided to put an end to the tournament which has been lagging on for a term and a half. With that end in view March 18th was determined upon as the last day of the tournament, on or before which all matches must either be played off or forfeited. With the exception of two members of the Club no man has as yet played half of his allotted games. For that reason it will be impossible for the tournament to be fully completed by March 18th, and the percentages will by no means be accurate. Therefore a committee, consisting of Prof. Brown, Mr. Watson of Clinton, and Plant, '12, has been appointed to select the College Chess Team, using the tournament records as a basis for choice.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DAVENPORT.

At the third annual banquet of the Oneida County Republican League, State Senator R. W. Thomas paid a high tribute to Dr. Davenport. He said in part: "When I went to the Senate the first time Oneida County was represented by a man whose principles, and courage, and eloquence had already caused him to be dubbed the 'Demosthenes of the Senate.' I see him here tonight and, after sitting by his side and touching elbows with him in one of the bitterest fights carried on in the Legislature of this state in recent years, I say to you that I know no more honest, loyal, uncompromising a Republican and man than Frederick M. Davenport."

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Thru the efforts of the Young Men's Christian Association the College has had the benefit of listening to Mr. Frank W. Pearsall, State Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Associations. Mr. Pearsall gave addresses on the "Fundamentals of Life" on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings of last week. The purpose of the addresses was to afford the student body an opportunity to come face to face with some issues which are vital to life on this Hill. During Mr. Pearsall's visit here Mr. Frank C. Meyers, Secretary of the Student Committee, has also been at the service of the students. Thruout the dormitory rooms each day there have been held prayer groups. The meetings have been an innovation in Hamilton College, but the scheme is entirely in line with work which is being carried on in the colleges of the land with much effectiveness.

The meetings are being followed by a campaign asking every man in College to get in a Bible group. The feeling is that every man who makes any claim to the name of Christian should by his presence and support show his spirit in this department of the college as in any other activity.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT.

The first round of the Bowling Tournament was rolled off last week. The results of the matches, each match consisting of three games, are as follows: Stratton 478 vs. Batchelor 430; Sheffield 395 vs. Gould default; Patterson 340 vs. Jones, '14 default; Blackmar 419 vs. Ingersoll 302; Walker 344 vs. Gates 314; Brownell 419 vs. Hahn 378; Ogilvie 432 vs. Riley default. The second round, which is now in progress, is paired off as follows: Stratton vs. Sheffield; Patterson vs. Blackmar, and Walker vs. Brownell, and must be completed before Wednesday.

COLLEGE DINNER ON FRIDAY.

The resignation of "Uncle John" Crossley as physical director was announced last week. There being no required gymnasium work during Spring Term, "Uncle's" resignation will take effect next week when he will leave for his home in Washington. For the past twelve years he has been the director of the Soper Gymnasium, track coach, and athletic trainer. He has a wide acquaintance among the Alumni and has always maintained a lively interest in the undergraduate body.

As a token of the esteem in which he is held, a farewell dinner will be tendered him by the College on Friday night at the Commons. The time for the feed is set for six o'clock and arrangements have been made for a lively post prandial program. Glee Club songs and stunts will be in order and several members of the Faculty will "say a few words." "Wardie' will be there and may be prevailed upon to spring a few new ones. Don't forget the time and place and be on hand to give "Uncle John' evidence of the kind regard in which he is

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HILL NOTES.

—Knox, '04, and Lawn, '06, have been on the Hill recently.

—Barrows, '07, now lieutenant in U. S. Field Artillery, has been sent to the Mexican border from Fort Russell in Wyoming.

—The Life Board picture was taken Saturday at Frey's.

—The Senior-Freshman and Junior-Sophomore basket-ball games scheduled for last Wednesday were postponed.

—At a meeting of the Lit. Board held in Chi Psi Lodge Wednesday, March 8, North, '13, was elected assistant manager of Lit.

—Communion was observed in the College Church on Sunday at noon. A preliminary meeting was held in the Chapel Friday evening.

—Prayer groups were held daily last week.

—Jones, '10, spent last Monday and Tuesday on the Hill.

—Leavenworth, ex-'09, is coaching the track team of the Central High School of Cleveland, Ohio.

—Because of eye trouble, Getman, '10, has been compelled to resign from his position as professor of chemistry and algebra in the Oneonta High School.

—The Intercollegiate Debating Teams had their pictures taken last Saturday at Frey's.

—Love, '09, has been transferred from the New York office of the MacMillan Company to the Cambridge Press, Cambridge, Mass.

—The Seminar in Political Science was held last Wednesday evening at the home of Prof. Davenport.

—The Sophomores held a class meeting in the Chapel last Wednesday afternoon at which Myer was elected Class Baseball Manager.

—Prof. Babcock will speak to the Men's Club of Holy Cross Church in Utica on March 28th. He has also accepted the invitation to give the Decoration Day oration at West Winfield.

—Prof. Davenport will speak at Glens Falls this evening.

—The last of the series of lectures by Dr. Squires will be given in Silliman Hall next Friday evening at 7:30. A special invitation is extended to all the fellows whether they have attended the previous lectures or not. His subject will be "The Opportunities of the Ministry. Its Call to Young Men."

—The Y. M. C. A. Cabinet was photographed at Frey's last Saturday.

—The Junior Class in Mineralogy will take half of its regular exam. this week. The other half will be held in exam. week as usual.

—Ground has been broken for Prof. Brown's new house to be situated directly north of the goal posts at the northern end of the football field.

—Coach Moore and Captain Knox announce that the regular spring football practice will be held the last three weeks before Commencement. Unless it interferes with baseball, the practice will be held daily and it will be the plan to perfect the open work play, make the interference stronger, and learn the new system of signals which has been devised thru the aid of Drummond and Barrows, '06.

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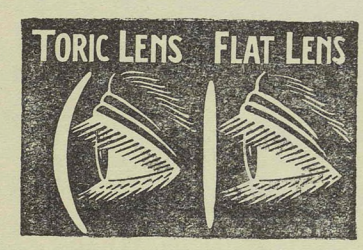

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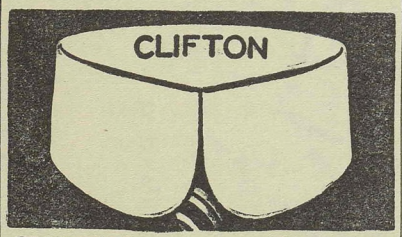

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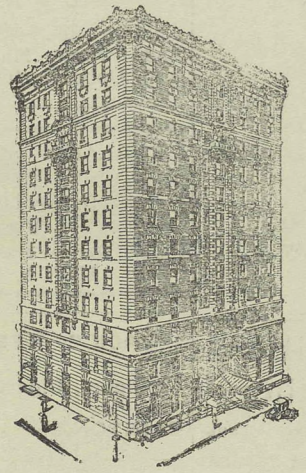

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